

December 2005 Meeting Update

Summary: December 2005 was a busy month for the 2008 Medic 1/EMS Levy Technical **Stakeholders** who have committed themselves to analyzing the policy and funding issues that will shape the next EMS levy. Divided into three subcommittees, Stakeholders have left few stones unturned as they examined the various subjects that may impact each of EMS's primary program and service areas.

The **ALS Subcommittee** submitted completed standardized cost templates and discussed the objectives behind using such a guide while highlighting allocation needs for the next levy, and possible future cost drivers. A costing template was discussed by the **BLS Subcommittee** although the spotlight was on assessing the current BLS funding formula and other funding proposals based on calls, assessed value and a combination of both, as suggested by the group. **The Regional Services/Strategic Initiatives Subcommittee** systematically reviewed the Dispatch and Training programs, and will examine Advanced Technology projects and a proposal to assess the way EMS conducts its Medical Quality Improvements in January.

Notes and updates on the work completed by the Subcommittees are available by contacting Helen Chatalas at 206-296-4598, or via e-mail at Helen.Chatalas@metrokc.gov. These documents will also be accessible at the EMS homepage (<http://www.metrokc.gov/HEALTH/ems/>) as of the first of the year.

Meeting Schedule for January, 2006:

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| January 5, 2006 | Stakeholders Meeting – 1 st Thursday of each month – 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM
Renton Fire District #14, 1900 Lind Ave SW, Renton
WE WILL PRESENT STATUS REPORTS FROM EACH SUBCOMMITTEE. |
| January 12, 2006 | BLS Subcommittee Meeting – 2 nd Thursday of each month – 1:30 - 3:30 PM
Mercer Island Fire Station #91, 3030 78th Avenue SE, Mercer Island
WE WILL REVIEW THE COST TEMPLATE AND FUNDING FORMULA VARIABLES. |
| January 17, 2006 | ALS Subcommittee Meeting – 3 rd Tuesday of each month – 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM
Kirkland City Hall, Peter Kirk Room, 123 5th Avenue, Kirkland
<u>Please note alternate time and place for this meeting.</u>
WE WILL DISCUSS COST INDEXING. |
| January 24, 2006 | RS/SI Stakeholders Meeting – 4 th Tuesday of each month – 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Mercer Island Fire Station #91, 3030 78th Avenue SE, Mercer Island |

WE WILL FOCUS ON QUALITY IMPROVEMENT AND ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY PROJECTS.